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Letter dated 28 January 2013 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 18 January 2013 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 19 December 2012 (S/AC.51/2012/3) (see annex).

(*Signed*) Masood **Khan**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

Letter dated 18 January 2013 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict to the Secretary-General

At its 33rd meeting, on 31 May 2012, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the fourth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Sri Lanka (S/2011/793), covering the period from 1 February 2009 to 30 June 2011. At its 35th meeting, on 19 December 2012, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on the situation of children and armed conflict in Sri Lanka (S/AC.51/2012/3).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, with conveying the following:

> The Working Group encourages the Secretary-General to provide, at the request of the Government of Sri Lanka, the assistance of the United Nations to support efforts to provide child protection services for children affected by the conflict, including psychosocial support, community-based support and social infrastructure.

(*Signed*) Sylvie **Lucas**
Chair
Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict